

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 18 and objected to claims 19 and 20. With this Amendment, claims 1 – 18 have been canceled and claims 19 and 20 have been amended. The application now includes claims 19 and 20.

The Examiner stated that claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 19 and 20 in accordance with the Examiner's directions. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 19 and 20 be held allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. With this Amendment, claims 1 – 18 have been canceled and claims 19 and 20 have been amended. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 7 and 13 – 20 be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With this Amendment, claims 1 – 7 have been canceled and claim 19 has been amended. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 7 be withdrawn.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 4, 7, 13 – 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Yeh patent. With this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1 – 18. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 4, 7, 13 – 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yeh patent. With this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 6. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 5 and 17

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yeh patent and further in view of the Bengtsson et al patent. With this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 17. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 5 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 19 and 20 are respectfully requested.

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